

# **Importance of the Water industry**

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Water in my eyes is one of the most important, essential things that we need to survive. The water industry provides clean water for people to drink and use for necessities like cleaning, washing clothes, and other basic things. Water is one of those things that people take for granted. It is a privilege to have access to such clean and filtered water. There are people all over the world who do not have access to clean water like we do. I think that many people who have clean water overlook its importance and waste it.

I have lived about seven miles east of Lisbon for my whole life. I have always had access to clean water and for the longest time I feel that I was one of the people to take advantage of clean water. I learned that it is a privilege to have access to such an important thing like clean water. Once I figured out that taking water for granted was not the best way of thinking, I changed my viewpoint on how important water really is and how much of a necessity clean water is.

The North Dakota water industry is important for how crucial clean water is and will always be. The workers in this industry work very hard to keep the water very clean and safe to drink. If we did not have the people to work in the industry, our water would be very gross and probably not drinkable. The jobs that these workers in this industry do are not easy, and I know that because of my dad. My dad is always working super hard whether it is fixing a water leak somewhere, going out in storms, or leaving in the middle of the night making sure that people don't lose their water because of an emergency.

Overall, I have so much respect for the people that work in this industry. They choose to help people by making sure everyone has water and that the water they drink is clean. When I

graduate college, I would be privileged to help people just a fraction of how much these workers help us. Helping people is not something that I do so other people think that I am a good person. I do it so I can make a difference in people's lives just like the workers in the North Dakota water industry do.